lustre. Then nothing more Is wanted but an opportunity for great wars. These are provided from professional reasons (and so In all Innocence) by diplomats, aided by newspapers and Stock Exchanges. For" the nation/' as a nation of soldiers, need never be supplied with a good conscience in war—it has one already.

321.

THE PRESS.—If we consider how even to-day all great political transactions glide upon the stage secretly and stealthily ; how they are hidden by unimportant events, and seem small when close at hand ; how they only show their far-reaching effect, and leave the soil still quaking, long after they have taken place;—what significance can we attach to the Press in its present position, with its daily expenditure of lung-power in order to bawl, to deafen, to excite, to terrify? Is it anything more than an everlasting false alarm, which tries to lead our ears and our wits into a false direction ?

322.

AFTER A GREAT EVENT.—A nation and a man whose soul has come to light through some great event generally feel the immediate need of some act of childishness or coarseness, as much from shame as for purposes of recreation.

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To BE A GOOD GERMAN MEANS TO DE-GERMANISE,.ONESELF.— National differences consist,